

**MISSOURI COURT OF APPEALS  
WESTERN DISTRICT**

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COMPLETE TITLE OF CASE:

DESHAY TROTTER,

Appellant

v.

STATE OF MISSOURI.

Respondent

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DOCKET NUMBER WD76472

DATE: June 10, 2014

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Appeal From:

Circuit Court of Jackson County, MO  
The Honorable Edith Messina, Judge

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Appellate Judges:

Division Four  
James Edward Welsh, C.J., Lisa White Hardwick, J., and Kevin Harrell, Sp. J.

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**MISSOURI APPELLATE COURT OPINION SUMMARY  
MISSOURI COURT OF APPEALS, WESTERN DISTRICT**

**DESHAY TROTTER, Appellant, v.  
STATE OF MISSOURI, Respondent**

**WD76472**

**Jackson County**

Before Division Four Judges: Welsh, C.J., Hardwick, J., and Harrell, Sp. J.

Deshay Trotter appeals the circuit court's judgment denying his Rule 29.15 motion for post-conviction relief in which he sought to vacate his convictions for second-degree felony murder, two counts of unlawful use of a weapon, three counts of first-degree assault, and six counts of armed criminal action (ACA). Trotter alleged that both trial and appellate counsel were ineffective in failing to challenge one of his ACA convictions on the basis that it violated the double jeopardy clause because two of the ACA convictions were associated with the same unlawful use of a weapon offense.

**AFFIRMED**

**Division Four holds:**

The circuit court did not clearly err in denying Trotter's claims of ineffective assistance of trial and appellate counsel because both of the ACA convictions that he challenges were authorized by law, and counsel is not ineffective or unreasonable for failing to raise an issue that is not legally supported.

Opinion by James Edward Welsh, Chief Judge

June 10, 2014

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